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Turner Nomination as CIA Head Unanimously Approved by Panel

The Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday unanimously recommended confirmation of Adm. Stansfield Turner as director of central intelligence.

Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) said he would seek a final vote on the Senate floor today.

He said Turner, 53, a U.S. Naval Academy classmate of President Carter, has promised not to seek the posts of chief of naval operations or chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from his vantage point as head of the Central Intelligence Agency and supervisor of the rest of the nation's intelligence community.

"At least he will not seek [the posts]," Inouye said, "but I suppose if the Commander-in-Chief should call upon him, he would have to respond accordingly."

Currently commander-in-chief of Allied forces in Southern Europe, Turner has insisted on keeping his military commission since he intends to resume his Navy career after leaving the CIA. He was nominated earlier this month after Carter's first choice, Theodore E. Sorensen, ran into opposition on the committee and withdrew his name from consideration.